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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 6342

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SUBJECT: CARVAJAL OUTLINES CHILE'S FOREIGN POLICY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL LED THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND ASPIRING CHILEAN FOREIGN SERVICE CANDIDATES THROUGH A TOUR D'HORIZON OF GOC FOREIGN POLICY ON JULY 29. WITH REGARD TO THE US, CARVAJAL SAID THAT CHILE "SHARED THE ETHICAL AND MORAL CONCEPTS ESPOUSED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION...THROUGH FRANK AND OPEN RELATIONS WE TRUST THAT WE WILL CONTINUE ALONG THE COMMON ROADS AND OVERCOME THOSE OBSTACLES THAT HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES." CARVAJAL OBSERVED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL RESPECT GAVE EACH COUNTRY THE RIGHT TO FIND ITS OWN WAY BASED UPON ITS UNIQUE EXPERIENCES, WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO CERTAIN DIFFERENCES FROM TIME TO TIME. LATER IN THE SPEECH, HE REITERATED THE GOC'S MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POLICY ON THE PANAMA CANAL (SEE ALSO SANTIAGO 6155).

2. IN DERIVING CHILE'S OBJECTIVES, CARVAJAL REVIEWED INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS FROM BEFORE THE COUP TO THE PRESENT. HE DESCRIBED THE TIMETABLE FOR EACH OF THE THREE PHASES OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S JULY 9 TRANSITION PLAN (SANTIAGO 5678) AS "MAXIMUMS".
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3. FOR THE REST, THE SPEECH WAS BLAND. CARVAJAL HAD KIND WORDS FOR EACH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY AND SPOKE OF INCREASING CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. HE PLEDGED CONTINUING GOC ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE CHIDED UNSPECIFIED COUNTRIES FOR BEING TAKEN IN BY SOVIET-

INSPIRED PROPAGANDA, RELEGATING THE EUROPEANS
TO A DARK NICHE TOWARD THE END OF HIS SPEECH WHERE
HE POINTED OUT THAT CHILE DID NOT MEDDLE IN EUROPEAN
POLITICS AND EXPECTED RECIPROCITY IN THIS RESPECT. HE
TOOK A FEW LICKS AT THE SOVIETS "WHO THREATEN TO
TORPEDO DETENTE AND WORLD PEACE IF THE USG SO MUCH
AS CRITICIZED THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES."

4. COMMENT: CARVAJAL'S EXPLICIT STATEMENT THAT THE
PINOCHET PROPOSAL SET MAXIMUM TIMES FOR THE TRANSITION
MERELY RECOGNIZED WHAT HAD BECOME OBVIOUS IN VIEW OF
THE LOCAL REACTION TO THE PLAN. NONETHELESS, IT WAS
THE FIRST TIME A GOC SPOKESMAN HAD PUT IT SO FLATLY.
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